



Dear Neighbors,

District A CIP Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 18, 2010

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Candlelight Community Center, 1520 Candlelight, Houston, TX 77018

To view a current listing of all Capital Improvement Projects in the City of Houston please visit www.3di.com/impact/impactgeneric/layout/default_cip.asp

Illegal Dumping Campaign Kick Off

On Thursday, January 28, 2010, **Crime Stoppers of Houston** and **Houston City Council Member Brenda Stardig** kicked off the 2nd Annual Illegal Dumping Campaign. **Katherine Cabaniss** and **Amy Smith** of Crime Stoppers played a pivotal role in the success of the 2nd Annual Campaign.



Speakers included (from left to right) Solid Waste Director Harry Hayes, Carverdale community leader Cora Johnson, District A Council Member Brenda Stardig, Executive Director of Crime Stoppers Katherine Cabaniss, Neighborhood Protection Assistant Police Chief Mark Curran and Representative Dwayne Bohac.

Media outlets attended the press conference and the message of fighting illegal dumping in neighborhoods made it through the airways. Crime Stoppers will continue to ask the public for information on identifying suspects caught in the act of illegal dumping.

Citizens can help by:

- ★ Providing descriptions of the suspects
- ★ Providing the location and types of debris dumped
- ★ Providing information on the vehicles used for dumping
- ★ Providing a license plate number if possible

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$5,000 for any information called in to the 713.222.8477 (TIPS) hotline or submitted online at www.crime-stoppers.org that leads to the identification, arrest and/or charging of any felony suspect. Tips can also be sent by text message - Text TIP610 plus your tip to CRIMES (274637). All tipsters remain anonymous.

For more information visit www.crime-stoppers.org

Meet the District A Team



★ **William Dabney**

Chief of Staff, Agenda Director

I had the great opportunity to attend Texas A&M University for college. While there I majored in political science and was very involved in College Republicans. After graduating from college I worked in the insurance planning business for a few years before moving in to politics. In the fall of 2005, I jumped back into politics as the Harris County Republican Primary Director. Working with precinct chairs and election judges to run the 2006 Republican Primary was a very rewarding experience for me. I have already met several District A residents that I worked with on the primary as well. I look forward to having rewarding experiences with District A as well.



★ **Lynda Sims**

Communications Director, Constituent Liaison

During my academic career I interned for Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison in her Houston office, the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office and for Council Member Toni Lawrence. After finishing my Bachelor of Science in Political Science from the University of Houston Downtown, I was given the opportunity to work with the District A Office and have done so since 2008. I enjoy working with the constituents of District A and look forward to collaboratively working on the District's goals.



★ **Corrie Rae**

Special Projects Director, Constituent Liaison

I grew up in west Houston before I headed off to Texas Tech University, where I received my Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies in 2005. I then moved to Dallas and earned my Masters in Public Administration from the University of North Texas while interning for the Town of Addison. Before working with Council Member Stardig, I was an Event Coordinator in the Mayor's Office of Special Events for two years. I have a passion for local government and enjoy interacting with the wonderful residents of District A.



★ **Lynnette Aizpurúa**

Scheduler, Constituent Liaison

I am a native Houstonian and am very proud of my hometown. In 2009, I graduated from the University of Houston with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications. I interned with Carol Herrera, the Manager of Community Services at the City of Houston's George R. Brown Convention Center. Currently, I manage Council Member Stardig's demanding schedule and I enjoy this responsibility because it gives the constituents the opportunity to address their interests and concerns directly to the Council Member.

Jaycee Park Tree Planting

Friends of Jaycee Park, Trees for Houston and City of Houston's Urban Forestry will have a tree planting to beautify Jaycee Park. Trees for Houston will coordinate the planting, supply shovels and gloves while Urban Forestry will donate roughly 150 trees for planting.

When: Saturday, February 27, 2010 8:00 a.m. (rain or shine)

Where: Jaycee Park, 1300 Seamist, Houston, Texas 77008

Interested volunteers should RSVP to Ileana Desalos at friendsofjayceepark@yahoo.com

For more information about Trees for Houston visit www.treesforhouston.org

For more information on Friends of Jaycee Park visit
www.houstonparksboard.org/projects/JayceePark.php

Automated Recycling Program

The City of Houston's Solid Waste Department will roll out 96-gallon recycling bins to roughly 57,000 homes in April. Those in the program can recycling newspaper, plastic containers 1 through 5 and 7 (rinsed and drained), magazines, aluminum and tin cans (rinsed and drained), catalogs, cardboard (flattened), phonebooks, glass bottles, jugs and jars (rinsed and drained).

Finalization of neighborhoods integrated into this program will take place in roughly two weeks.

For more information about the automated recycling program please visit
www.houstonsolidwaste.org

Shepherd Forest Area Crime Concerns Addressed

Captain Rodriguez from the Houston Police Department's North Division and **Council Member Brenda Stardig** attended a Shepherd Forest Civic Club Meeting on January 18, 2010 where residents brought forth their concerns regarding crime in the neighborhood. Since the meeting, the North Division has proactively addressed several crime situations in the neighborhood and surrounding area.

The North Division's DRT unit (Differential Response Team) is continually monitoring and inspecting the apartments at 3011 Ella in collaboration with the City's Multi-Family Administrative Unit. The division's Tactical and Gang units have been conducting narcotics, gang and surveillance operations in and around the neighborhood. Meanwhile, Captain Rodriguez has also assigned an overtime traffic unit to monitor a few trouble spots in the neighborhood roughly once a week and has assigned an overtime squad to work the entire area every couple of weeks.

For any neighborhood experiencing crime problems one should report a life or death emergency that requires an immediate response from police, fire, or ambulance personnel to **9-1-1** and other, non-emergency calls to **713.884.3131**. For a complete listing of the HPD phone numbers visit www.houstontx.gov/police/phone.htm

The City of Houston also has a Citizens Patrol program (COP) which is designed to provide a means for citizens to organize into patroller groups for the purpose of reducing crime in their community. For more information about Citizens Patrol visit www.houstontx.gov/police/vip/vip_citzpatrol.htm

3-1-1 Houston Service Helpline

The 3-1-1 Houston Service Helpline consolidated call center provides quick and reliable access to City services including Engineering and Construction, General Services Department, Health Department, Neighborhood Protection Corps, Planning and Development Services, Parks and Recreation, Right of Way, Solid Waste Management, Traffic and Transportation, and Utility Maintenance and Water Quality.

3-1-1 should be a citizen's first line of defense when requesting a City service. By calling or submitting information online to 3-1-1 citizens ensure their complaint becomes logged into the system with a corresponding service request number. It is imperative for callers to have the location and specifics of a problem readily available to tell the 3-1-1 representative.

The call center makes city government more accessible and responsive to City residents. City government is at your fingertips – one call or e-mail and you can get answers, find the right person, or have your City service problems solved. Please escalate the complaint to the District A Office at 832.393.3010 after 3-1-1 has been given the opportunity to assist.

To submit a 3-1-1 request, call 3-1-1 or submit an online request at https://webintake.houstontx.gov/web_intake

Prohibited Yard Parking Program

Congratulations to those neighborhoods which successfully opt-into the Prohibited Yard Parking Program.

Inwood Forest	Sections 1, 2, 8 and 9
Old Spring Branch	ABST 269 J Flowers
	Economy Suburban Gardens
	Herzog HP Section 2 Hilldale
	Hillendahl Acres
	Lentz Villas
	Long Point Manor
	Long Point Oaks
	Point Place
	Silverbonnet Place
	Thonig Tract ABST 269 J Flowers
	Woodvine Lofts

Spring Shadows Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, Section 9 Replat,
Section 17 Replat

For more information about the Prohibited Yard Parking Program contact the Planning
Department at 713.837.7931 or visit

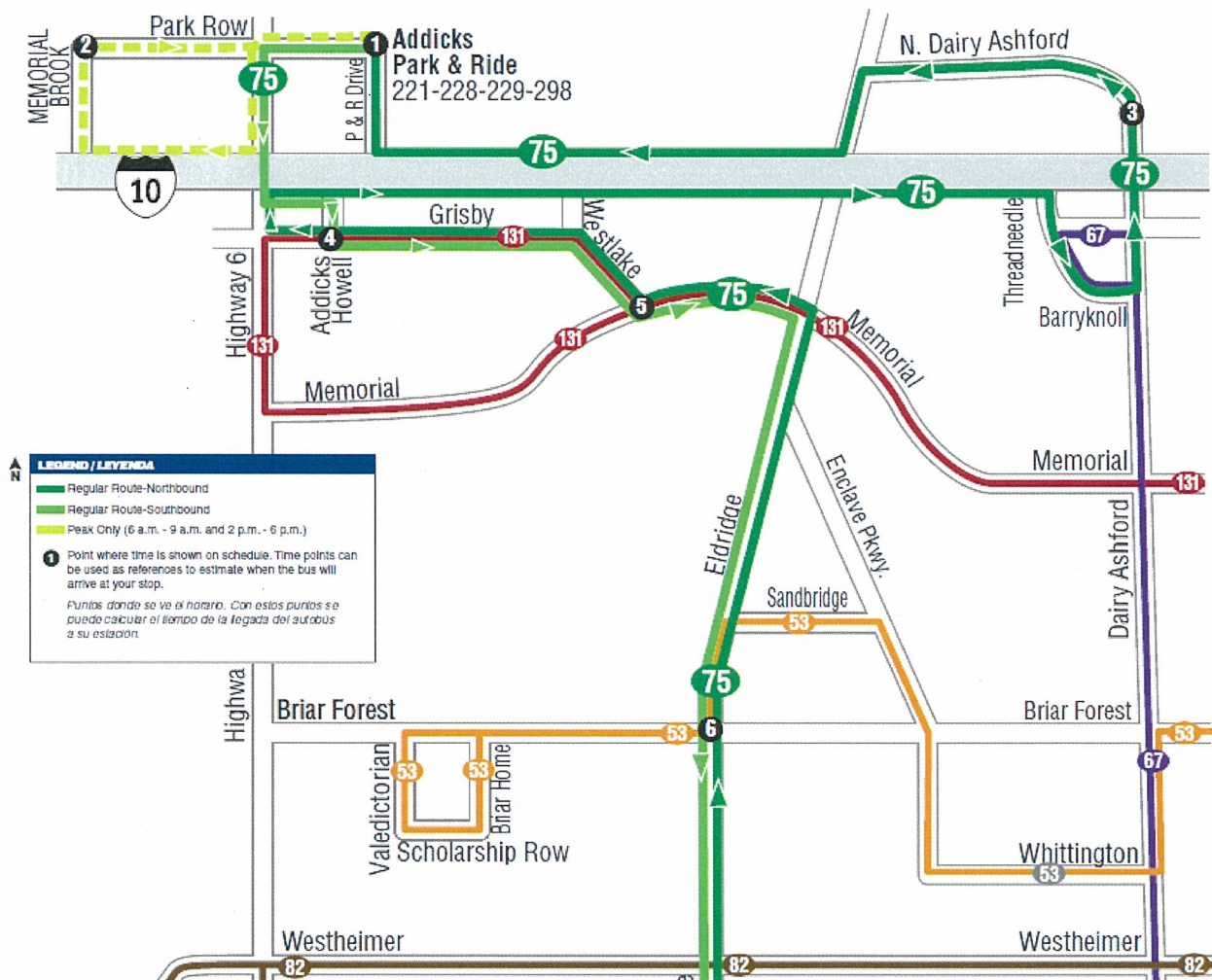
www.houstontx.gov/planning/ComPlanning/yardparking_prog.html

Metro Launches New 75 Energy Corridor Connector Services

At a press conference on Thursday, January 28, 2010 Metro celebrated a new connector bus service that links commuter service out of Metro's Addicks Park and Ride facility with neighborhood bus routes.

Designed to meet the growing needs of Houston's west side, the new service offers Energy Corridor employees and West Houston residents service ride to nearby stores, restaurants and businesses from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekdays.

75 Energy Corridor Connector Route Map / Mapa de las rutas



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75 Energy Corridor Connector bus service runs every 15 minutes in the mornings and afternoons and every 10 minutes mid-day from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Fare for the service is \$1.25. Please visit www.ridemetro.org for more information.

The City of Houston Term Limits Review Commission

invites you to an open session for public input
concerning term limits for Houston elected officials

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

7:00 p.m.

City Council Chamber

Second Floor, City Hall

901 Bagby

Houston, Texas 77002

The City of Houston Term Limits Review Commission, chaired by Ambassador Arthur Schechter, requests input from the public on term limits for elected officials of the City of Houston. The Commission will consider the merits of various possible revisions to length of terms, number of terms and whether terms are to be staggered. However, by City Ordinance, the Commission may not recommend the abolition of term limits. The Commission is to make a recommendation to the Mayor and Houston City Council by July 1, 2010.

For more information and/or to submit written comments, email termlimitsreview@cityofhouston.net

Friends of Montessori Garden Oaks Elementary Pancake Breakfast

The Garden Oaks Chapter of Friends of Montessori will host the 16th Annual Garden Oaks Montessori Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction. Along with a silent auction and free pancakes and sausage prepared by a group of dads from the school; there will be many activities planned for the children such as arts, crafts and fire truck tours.

When: Saturday, February 6, 2010 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Where: Garden Oaks Elementary, 901 Sue Barnett

For more information, including silent auction and sponsorship opportunities, call 713.320.7294, email friendsofmontessori@yahoo.com or visit www.allmontessori.org/pancake-breakfast.html

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District A Highlight

What's on Your Business Wish List? Visit the [Houston West Chamber of Commerce](#)

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